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SUFFOLK-NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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During the August 4 meeting the Executive Committee endorsed the planning of a dinner meeting for Society members and their guests. We have not had a dinner meeting recently, so we should make a very enjoyable occasion out of being together on Tuesday evening, November 10, at the Suffolk Holiday Inn.

The program will be presented by a representative of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard (Portsmouth), who will give a slide-lecture on "212 Years of History in the Nation's Oldest Shipyard."

We don't give ourselves a party very often, so please respond promptly when you receive your reservation card later this month.

The December Shop, one of Riddick's Folly's most successful money-making efforts, will be open again this year, December 1-19. Director Linda Rice asks that our members be reminded of how very welcome handmade and homemade items of all kinds will be. Emphasis is on contributed goods rather than consignments. It will be most helpful to have you 'phone Linda (934-1390) with news of your donations.

The Society is delighted to support Suffolk's annual Harvest Festival, October 8-9-10-11. The Executive Committee has agreed to have members on hand at Riddick's Folly to receive visitors and show them through the mansion. While Riddick's Folly is regularly open to the public from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, we will be "on duty" from noon until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Light refreshments will be served. During these hours visitors will also be able to view the Suffolk Art League's exhibit on the second floor.

Several of you have been asked to assist with tours, decorations, and refreshments. (Others will be called on in December for the annual house tour.)

Please plan to come to Riddick's Folly at least once during these four days, and please bring your friends.

The Executive Board has written a letter to Mayor Barnett in support of retaining the Old Clerk's Office for the city. We asked that efforts be made to insure that any future use be in keeping with that historical area of Suffolk.

You are reminded of the Bicentennial's "Celebration of Victory" events at Yorktown on October 16th - 19th. The official opening by the Governor of Virginia will be October 16th and has been designated "Festival Day". The Armed Forces of the United States will parade and demonstrate techniques and equipment on "Military Day", October 17th. Sunday, October 18th has been designated "Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving". The President of the United States will head a contingent of American, French, British, and German leaders who will speak at the "Recreation of Surrender" ceremonies on "Victory Day", October 19th. Many associated activities have been planned throughout the period to make this a truly festive and thankful occasion.

Permission has been secured from Riddick's Folly, Inc. to use one of the rooms as a central storage place for the Historical Society. It is planned that we will begin to use the space following the Harvest Festival. If you have articles that you are now keeping for us or that you want to donate to the Society please let us know. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hicks have kindly agreed to supervise the collection and transfer of materials (539-4273).

FIFTH ANNUAL CANDELIGHT TOUR

The Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society will sponsor its fifth annual Candelight Tour on December 6, 1981 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Tour will be held on North Main Street. The support of every member of the Historical Society is necessary. When you are called to help, please say "YES".

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